

Slingisby Bethell, Esq;

HIS

ENQUIRY

AFTER

WILLIAM BALLY,

The only WITNESS against him, upon the TRYAL
of the RIOT, at GUILD-HALL, on the 8th of
May, 1683.

WHereas on *Tuesday* the 8th of *May*, 1683. At
a Tryal held at *Guild-Hall London*, Several
persons were by a Jury found Guilty of a Ri-
ot, committed on the 24th of *June*, 1682.

In not departing from the said Hall, upon the Lord Mayor
his adjourning there by Proclamation, the Pole, which was
then on Foot, for the choise of Sheriffs for *London* and *Mid-*
dlesex for the year ensuing.

And Whereas *Slingisby Bethell* of *London*, Esq; is named
in the Information as guilty of the said Riot, in not depart-
ing from *Guild-Hall*, after the Lord Mayor his said adjourn-
ment by Proclamation; And whereas upon the Oath of
one, by the name of *William Baly*, that the said *Bethell* did not
depart according to the Proclamation, but stayed there after
the same, he was found guilty by the said Jury. Now the said
Bethell, not only knowing himself not guilty, but being also
able to prove the same, and by several credible WITNESSES,
that he was at the time of the Adjournment in another place,
and from thence went home, without ever coming at *Guild-*
Hall or the Yard that Evening, hath endeavoured by all man-
ner of ways to find out the said *William Baly* who swore a-
gainst him, but cannot learn from whence he came, nor whi-
ther he is gone; he the said *Bethell*, doth therefore hereby Chal-
lenge the said *William Baly* to appear, and either to make good
his

his Oath against him in the Face of the World, or confess his mistake, and clear him thereof; and in order thereunto, to leave word where he is to be found, either at the House called *Garraways Coffee-House* in the *Exchange-Ally*, or at *Kid's Coffee-House*, both near the *Royal-Exchange*; otherwise the said *Bethell* will hope to be reckoned guiltless, and the said *William Baly* to have rashly sworn that which he was mistaken in, and cannot Justifie.

And now upon the whole, it may be observed, that there being at the aforesaid Adjournment (as is thought) at least One thousand persons in the Hall, whereof several Hundreds of them, may well be supposed to know the person of the said *Bethell*, especially the Lord Mayors Officers, and Servants, by his having been lately Sheriff of *London* and *Middlesex*: If he the said *Bethell* had been really in the Hall or Yard, at, or after the said adjournment, there could not have wanted a Croud of Witnesses to prove the same, instead of having the Proof thereof, to depend upon the Testimony of a Single person, that is not to be found.

SLINGISBT BETHELL

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